

WINTER 2023/ 2024



Winter is a time of shorter days, cooler temperatures, and many opportunities for us to connect with loved ones throughout the holiday season. Winter also signifies the end of the calendar year, and a time to reflect upon the events and progress of 2023.

The Cumberland County Democrats have made strides to ensure that our county remains a great place to work, live, and play in Pennsylvania by working to elect Democrats in our area. We have hosted events to raise awareness for our causes, mobilized support for Democrats at the polls, and continue to prepare for the general election in 2024. Nevertheless, we would not be able to achieve these accomplishments if not for our dedicated voters! As we approach the New Year, we thank you for your support and encourage you to enjoy all

that the holidays have to offer as we prepare to continue our good work in Cumberland County.



Please commit to continuing your efforts to share important issues and concerns, register and inform voters, and reach out and rally Democrats across the county.

We are counting on Democratic candidates to apply their collective experience, enthusiasm, and skills by choosing to run again in the future or by serving as poll workers, PCPs, Area Leaders, Subcommittee members, volunteers, or Sustaining Members in 2024.



Enroll as a
CCDC
Volunteer

Become a Sustaining Member

We are the blue wave moving across Cumberland County, Pennsylvania!

- Your monthly contribution can be in any amount you choose.
- Your donation will continue uninterrupted until you contact us to make a change.
- Act now with ActBlue.

Four Suggested Sustaining Memberships

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| • Patron. | \$10/month. | \$120/Year |
| • Principal. | \$25/month. | \$300/Year |
| • Partner. | \$50/Month | \$600/Year |
| • Premier. | \$100/month. | \$1,200/Year |

<https://secure.ActBlue.com/donate/ccdcwebsite2020>



Paid for by the Cumberland County Democratic Committee



Scan here to start
your sustaining
membership



Fall Candidates Honored

The Cumberland County Democratic Committee (CCDC) thanked Democrats who ran this fall for municipal and school-board positions on Dec. 6 at a reception held at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Mechanicsburg. While Democrats didn't prevail in every race, Matt Roan, CCDC chair, said, "We celebrate the races you won and the races you ran. Democrats continue to make progress in Cumberland County." Matt added, "Thank you for stepping forward to improve your community by running for office. Whether or not you won your race, the hard, and often thankless, work you put in as a candidate made a big difference."

Among the reasons to celebrate were:

- Our Democratic County Commissioner, Jean Foschi, was re-elected, earning more votes than one of the Republican candidates. We came close to electing two Democratic Commissioners.
- Democratic candidates swept races for the Carlisle Area School Board as well as the Carlisle and Camp Hill borough councils.
- Democrats picked up two seats on the Mechanicsburg Area School Board.
- Two Democratic borough council candidates were elected in Lemoyne.
- Two Democratic candidates for Upper Allen Township commissioner defeated Republican incumbents.
- New Cumberland elected a new Democratic mayor and a new Democratic borough council member.
- East Pennsboro re-elected its Democratic township commissioner and elected a new Democratic member of the school board.
- Lower Allen Township elected a new Democratic commissioner.
- South Middleton elected a new Democratic school board member.
- Shippensburg re-elected one Democratic borough council member and elected one new Democratic borough council member.

- Democrats were re-elected to borough council in Mechanicsburg and Wormleysburg.



Cumberland County Democrats, Take Action Today!

Are you under 40?

If so, join the Cumberland County Young Democrats (CCYD) in 2024.

The CCDC is reaching out to Democrats 40 and under who wish to be active in Cumberland County. The mission of the CCYD is to engage, educate and empower young voters and advocates across the county and support Democrats and progressive causes nationwide. **WE ARE ORGANIZING NOW FOR 2024. Click [HERE to join us!](#)**

**Cumberland County
Democratic Committee**



Save the Date

Saturday, January 27th

1 pm - 4 pm

County-Wide Meeting

Elks Lodge

Carlisle, PA



Paid for by the Cumberland County Democratic Committee

**WHO WILL REPLACE
SCOTT PERRY?**
**10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CANDIDATE FORUM**

MEET THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024
3:00PM – 4:30PM

WIDENER UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
ROOM A180
3800 VARTAN WAY, HARRISBURG PA 17110

HOSTED BY:  AND 

Want to learn more about the Democratic candidates slated to run against Scott Perry in 2024? Attend this candidate forum to learn more!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Gov. Shapiro and the legislature must solve the problem of failing schools in Pennsylvania | PennLive letters

Published Sept. 04, 2023

Why is Gov. Josh Shapiro failing the test of leadership in public education?

Shapiro has an opportunity no other governor has ever had: an uncontested Commonwealth Court ruling that the current system of public education is unconstitutionally unfair and under-funded. He has a literally unprecedented mandate to transform schools in rural communities and urban neighborhoods and bring them into the 21st century. Yet he proposed \$100 million for private school vouchers to “save” a few thousand students from “failing” public schools while leaving hundreds of thousands of children behind.

Shapiro’s budget did include a record increase in public school funding. Are we

supposed to infer that public schools have all they need to “improve and expand opportunities” for their students? If not, why send \$100 million elsewhere?

Shapiro and lawmakers blink at the fact that they literally own those “failing” schools. If public schools are “failing,” it is the constitutional duty of the governor and legislature to make them succeed. There is no such constitutional duty to any other schools or students. How can Shapiro seize his historic opportunity? Dedicate at least half of the state’s \$12 billion surplus to school renovation. Champion parental rights by creating a Universal System of Accountability that allows parents to compare schools honestly.

Visit “failing” public schools, find out what they need to succeed, and provide it. How many fewer, or how many more “failing” public schools will there be next year because Josh Shapiro is governor? That is the question.

Timothy Potts, Carlisle, Pa.

Link below if desired:

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2023/09/gov-shapiro-and-the-legislature-must-solve-the-problem-of-failing-schools-in-pennsylvania-pennlive-letters.html>



Call to Action on Gun Violence Prevention:

Please write your senators!

Here is a sample letter from Ceasefire PA. Use this letter or build your own by following the link below.

We have lost too many lives to the gun violence epidemic in Pennsylvania. I'm calling on you to schedule a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing and a vote on the bipartisan, life-saving gun violence prevention legislation that the **PA House passed in May**: HB 714 to establish universal background checks and HB 1018 to create Extreme Risk Protection Orders. These bills have strong bipartisan support and are based on the best evidence for preventing gun violence. This legislation would save lives in Pennsylvania, and it needs your support. Please stand up for Pennsylvanians and hold a hearing on these two bills.

Link below, if desired:

<https://act.ceasefirepa.org/a/not-one-day-more?ms=homepage>

Receiving this email from a friend? Click [here](#) to receive it directly.

We are the Democratic Party of Cumberland County.

We are working year-round to elect Democrats to positions of power at every level of government.

Your contributions help us organize, train and mobilize the 64,000 Democrats in Cumberland County from Shippensburg to Camp Hill and everywhere in between!

DONATE



Copyright © 2023 Cumberland County Democratic Committee, All rights reserved.

No longer want to receive these emails?

You can [unsubscribe from this list](#).

